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 psychoanalytic study of feminine psychology and sexual identity. First published in France as Recherches psychanalytiques nouvelles sur la sexualite feminine, the book consists of six major essays and a comprehensive introduction which reviews the various approaches to the subject. Freudian and non-Freudian views on female sexuality are carefully examined, thus providing a valuable perspective from which to view the authors' subsequent discussions. "The present authors," writes Dr J. Chasseguet-Smirgel in her introduction, "have attempted asfar as possible to free their theoretical ideas and their clinical interpretations from the unconscious fantasies which distort scientific objectivity. "Christian David thus uses a clinical history to study masculine myths about femininity; Catherine Luquet-Parat attributes an important role to female masochism in the young girl's "change of object"; Bela Grunberger examines the origins of female narcissism.

